GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance for Development of Tourism Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing any assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure and capacity building of the rural inhabitants in the country including in Uttar Pradesh for the purpose of attaining socio-economic development of the rural areas fundamentally capable in the fields of arts, crafts, heritage etc;
(b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme spanning the entire country, including Uttar Pradesh. Rural Circuit is also identified as one of themes under this scheme.

Under the existing programme of the Ministry of Tourism titled 'Hunar Se Rozgar Tak', training courses are conducted across the country to create employable skills amongst youth who are minimum eighth pass and in the age group of 18 to 28 years. The Programme is being implemented by a number of organizations including the Institutes of Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes, State Tourism Development Corporations, classified hotels and the Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management. Presently, this programme covers hospitality trade namely; food production, food and beverage service, bakery and housekeeping and few other tourism specific areas.

(b): Thirteen theme based circuits have been identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme which are the North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

(c): Does not arise.

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